

Capezzana,
`Ugo Contini Bonacossi` 2018
Tuscany, Italy



PRODUCER

The Capezzana estate, 24 kilometres north west of Florence, is owned by the Contini Bonacossi family. The younger generation is now firmly in charge of the estate's 80 hectares of vineyard, with daughter Benedetta Contini Bonacossi as winemaker and Franco Bernabei as consultant winemaker. The wines and the olive oil have an elegance which marks this estate out from the crowd.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine come from the Viticciana vineyard, which was personally designed by Ugo Contini Bonacossi himself. This hilly site sits at 150 metres above sea level and offers the Sangiovese vines an ideal south-facing exposure. The soil is composed of clay schist and limestone.

VINTAGE

2018 started out with a cold and rainy winter, with occasional snowfall. When spring arrived, Capezzana had to take special care to counteract the heat and humidity and combat pests in the vineyard. However, June brought sunny days through to harvest time. Thanks to the scrupulous work in the vineyard earlier in the year at Capezzana they were able to harvest perfectly healthy and ripe grapes. The Sangiovese was picked at the end of September.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were hand harvested and carefully selected at the winery. Fermentation took place in stainless steel vats at 26-28°C for seven days followed by a further 13 days maceration on the skins. The wine was then aged in a mix of 50% new and 50% used French oak barriques for 18 months, during which time malolactic fermentation took place. After bottling the wine was then matured for a further 12 months before being released.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is intense ruby red in colour with elegant aromas of red cherries and hints of spice. The palate is refined and elegant, with an intense concentration of red fruits, rose petals, cardamom, mint and smoky tobacco notes. This is a full-bodied wine with spicy, silky tannins and a long, lingering finish.

AWARDS

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Grape Varieties	100% Sangiovese
Winemaker	Benedetta Contini Bonacossi
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.5g/L
Acidity	6.21g/L
Wine pH	3.39
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan